I59²3 QUEEN REFUSES FURTHER AID TO FRENCH KING

But in truth the Queen and her realm are become very weary with the great expense both in loans of money, and in waging of men both by la *id* and sea

February NEWS FROM FRANCE

From France it is reported by the ambassador that the Duke of Parma hath captured Neuchzltel upon honourable composition, a place of great advantage to the enemy

On the yth the King was engaged with the enemy, and in the fight the Count Chalhgny (the Duke Mercury's brother) who commanded them was taken prisoner by Chicott, the King's fool, and very sore hurt Many were slain and some captured , the rest escaping gave the alarum to the Duke of Guise's quarter, who barricaded then lodgings, and armed themselves Most of their horse and foot sallied out, but by this time many shot had come up to the Baron de Biron and the enemy were forced back into Bures, where the King's men entering pell-mell with them slew two hundred in the village and took divers prisoners. The rest were forced to retire to the other side of the river All the Duke of Guise's baggage was taken, his plate and money, and all he had there

In this engagement Sir William Sackville is either taken or slain, having been separated from the rest For himself the ambassador declareth that he is in great straits , all his horses are dead or harried out, for they never rest, being on horseback almost day and night , his servants die daily, and many of them are very weak and sick and cannot live long

The King meanwhile anxiously expects succour from England

i$tb February FLESH PROHIBITED IN LONDON DURING LENT

As in former years, killing and eating flesh in London during Lent is restrained

i<)tb February PLAYING RESUMED.

The Lord Strange's Players now begin to play at the Rose Theatre on the Bankside, and act this day *Friar Bacon*

THE QUEEN RESOLVES TO SEND SOLDIERS TO FRANCE

The Queen, having now resolved that 1600 soldiers shall be sent with diligence to Dieppe to the aid of the French King, the Council have ordered 300 to be levied in Sussex, which in heads